

## **WBWC Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 24, 2015**

**The Ecology Center, 339 E. Liberty, Suite 339, Ann Arbor, MI**

Board Members Attending: Larry Deck, Robert Gordon, Peter Houk, and Bob Krzewinski.

Board Members Absent: Erica Briggs, Barbara Lucas, Karen Moorhead, and Lloyd Shelton.

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:00pm.
2. Adoption of agenda – Added to the agenda were Bike-In Movie Night and Slow Ride bicycle ride. A motion was made by Larry, seconded by Bob, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
3. Communication From The Chair – Pete reviewed the WBWC mission statement and reconfirmed upcoming meetings/events (next Board meeting – July 22, Huron River Day – July 12). There will not be an August WBWC meeting. On the WBWC at Huron River Day, Bob will email Erica and Pete (who will be staffing the WBWC table/valet parking) the online application he received and also put out an appeal for volunteers to help out with the valet bike parking. For Board member status, Pete indicated he received a resignation note from Lloyd Shelton and as per the By-laws, the resignation takes effect immediately upon receipt. Pete will concentrate on finding a replacement Board member with Bob contacting Carolyn Grawli to see if there might be potential Board members in the handicapped community. Bob will also see if there are potential Board members in the Ypsilanti area. A discussion was also held on the pedestrian injury on Fuller Road in Ann Arbor, with the thought that a motorist/pedestrian education drive could be held, of which Pete will talk to Barbara about as an Education Committee project.
4. Secretary's Report – With corrections, a motion was made by Larry, seconded by Robert, to approve the May minutes, passing unanimously. Bob indicated there were no new updates on file repositories or records retention. Bob noted that the State of Michigan Non-Profit Corporation renewal is due August 1<sup>st</sup>. Robert will leave a check for the \$20 renewal at the WBWC Ecology Center drop box and Pete will forward the renewal form, once obtained, to the State.
5. Communications Committee Report – A discussion on press releases was held with Bob looking into a release from the WBWC on the Iron Bell Trail running through the County. The next newsletter deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup> with Pete doing a "From The Chair" column and Board election alerts, Larry doing Ann Arbor B2B and ReImagined Washtenaw stories, Bob contributing Ypsi and general B2B items. Bob also gave an update on the new WBWC web page stating it is ready to go right now, but he is waiting to obtain correct username/passwords to the "old" webpage before the change from old to new webpage is done. Bob will also add WBWC position papers to the new webpage and hopes to have the new website up by mid-July.
6. Treasurers Report – Robert presented a written financial summary that reported \$6397.14 in the Bank Of Ann Arbor, and another \$940.56 in PayPal for a total of \$7337.64. On the Square credit card billing system, there was the question of if this is still needed and Robert will check with Emma and Erica on this. Robert will also check with the IRS on the status of the revised 2013 tax documentation. . A motion was made by Larry, seconded by Bob, to accept the Treasurers report, passing unanimously.
7. Membership Report – A review of the WBWC valet bike parking at the June Ann Arbor Green Fair with a strong consensus that the spot provided was not the best and that if the WBWC does valet parking at this event in the future, valet parking should be more centrally located. For the Top Of The Park in Ann Arbor so far things are going well but Bob suggested obtaining two "Free Valet Bike Parking" banners and will work with Erica on obtaining these.
8. Projects Committee Report
  - B2B - For next steps on Border To Border Trail projects, Larry indicated he communicated with Ann Arbor City staff and that the "central" Maiden Lane project may be time critical in light of roundabout plans at that intersection. Larry will monitor the situation and if away on vacation, will have Ann Arbor City staff alert other WBWC members of new developments.

Larry also mentioned it was important to work with the Ann Arbor Parks Advisory Commission on B2B projects and the City Parks Plan update. Larry will also work on two handouts for Ann Arbor B2B users which will give information about the central (Maiden Lane) B2B plan and the Bandemeer/Huron River Drive B2B connector. Larry mentioned too that B2B victories (Ann Arbor, Dexter and Ypsilanti) should be celebrated at the November WBWC membership meeting. Bob will alert the Board to a groundbreaking ceremony for construction on the just-approved Ypsilanti B2B section.

- New Bike Maps – There is a question on how the maps will be distributed. Also, Ann Arbor City staff are working on an online interactive version of the map.
- Fleming Creek Trail – Bob reported on an email he received from a University of Michigan contact indicating Trail progress is being made with the University giving a draft easement to Ann Arbor Township as well as talks with the Washtenaw County Road Commission.
- Huron River Drive – Larry gave an update on the chip-sealing of a section west of Ann Arbor.
- Pete gave an update on new sidewalks along Scio Church Road from Churchill to Maple.

9. Government Relations Committee – Robert reported on a State level, the House completed a road improvement bill before they adjourned for the summer and the Senate is meeting every other week to form their own plan. The downside is that 2015 will probably end its road construction season with no new significant budget increases. Robert will also present a more detailed report at the July meeting on a report about Michigan local officials' views on "Complete Streets" policies (<http://closup.umich.edu>).

10. Education Committee – Barbara was not able to attend the meeting but submitted an email Committee report to the Board referencing upcoming July Ann Arbor Community TV interviews with Erica, Larry and Bob as well as the WBWC leading a short B2B bike tour during the August 29/30 River Hop weekend. Bob volunteered to lead the bike trips and will contact Barbara.

11. Nominating Committee – Pete reported he actively looking for new Board members, especially in outlying areas (i.e. Chelsea, Saline, etc.). Also discussed was the November WBWC membership meeting and Pete will check on Connor O'Neills in Ann Arbor with backups being possibly Wheels In Motion or the REI meeting room. Also relating to the November membership meeting, the WBWC By-laws currently states that the event must be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of November, which restricts meeting room bookings. Bob will formulate a potential change to the By-laws for the July meeting stating the meeting just must be held in November.

12. New Business – A request by organizers of an Ann Arbor bike-in movie series in July (<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/874284668/bike-in-movie-night-in-ann-arbor>) to use the WBWC bike valet parking stands was approved, as was a request by Bob to use the stands, and have the WBWC be a co-sponsor, of bike valet parking, at the August Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. A discussion was held on the WBWC sponsoring "slow rides" (perhaps based on the old WBWC "Ride Around Time" series) with Robert checking with the Ecology Center to see if they would like to co-sponsor such rides.

13. Adjournment - A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Larry, seconded by Bob, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm with the next WBWC Board meeting taking place on Wednesday, July 22, 7pm at The Ecology Center.